

Listening

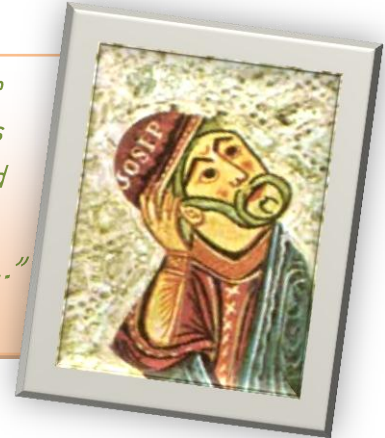
Dreaming and listening are intrinsically linked in the biblical story of Joseph.

St Joseph is often depicted in medieval art with his hand cupped to his ear.

Interestingly the word obey comes from the Latin *oboedire* – to pay attention to, give ear – literally ‘listen to’ – from *ob* ‘to’ + *audire* ‘listen, hear’.

“When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took her as his wife...”

Mt 1: 24



Listening to prophetic words spoken and recorded in a psalm at the Sisters of St Joseph 2004 Chapter*our desire to make connections in ever growing communion draws us to forge new links with those who hold our vision and values...lead to the formation of Josephite Affiliates building on and recognising the many links through which others already share the Josephite vision and values.*

- ✿ *Who are the people in my life I find difficult to “give ear to”?*
- ✿ *Are there messages/signs coming to me consistently over time which I am missing, or not following through?*
 - ✿ *What is my body saying to me?*



Keeping ‘an ear to the ground’ takes on new meaning in light of the need to listen to the Earth at this particular moment in time and leads to a deeper appreciation and respect for the natural world and all forms of life.

- ✿ *What is our planet Earth saying to me at this point in its life and my life?*

Today humanity needs to enter into a dream experience of the Earth and learn a new way of living.